

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-3, 8-9, 11-13, and 26-28 are pending in this application.

Claims 2, 4, 8, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda et al. (U.S. Published Application 20020184200) in view of Ito (U.S. Published Application 20010005809). Claims 3, 9, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda et al. in view of Ito and Muramatsu (U.S. Patent 6,868,337).

The present claims now recite "album creation means for generating an album page incorporating record information from said tour in response to a user request after the tour." (Claim 2; Claims 8 and 11 contain similar limitations) The album creation means 35 is shown in Figure 1 and explained in paragraphs 87-88 of the specification. The album creation means allows the user to generate album web pages incorporating photos, notes, maps, and location information to commemorate his/her tour. Ueda and Ito fail to disclose an analogous album creation feature as required in the present invention.

The Examiner contends Ueda discloses a preview customizing means in Figure 9. (Office Action page 3) However, Ueda's Figure 9 actually discusses requesting contents, authenticating ID, and receiving authenticated results. Ueda does not disclose a tour, guide contents, or a previewing feature as required in the present claims.

Further, the Examiner contends Ito discloses superimposing image layers corresponding to different information sources in Figure 7. (Office Action page 4)

However, Ito's Figure 7 simply shows individual displays with no indication they are superimposed or correspond to different sources. Accordingly, Ito fails to disclose "outputting the generated guide contents on a plurality of image layers superimposed on each other" as recited in the present claims.

Moreover, the Examiner contends it would have been obvious to combine Ueda and Ito so that "the tourist can retrieve the location of sight seeing places, a restaurant, etc." (Office Action page 4) The problem with this argument is that neither Ueda nor Ito discusses tours or sight seeing. In fact, Ito is directed to GPS navigation for driving directions, so it is unclear how Ito would handle directions for a walking tour.

Likewise, Muramatsu does not meet any of the above discussed limitations. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Ueda, Ito, and Muramatsu fail to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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